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'Cheque' your mailbox

Geoff Louie shows the $100 carbon tax rebate cheque he received from the B.C. government. Louie said he plans to use it toward a new bicycle. What are you spending your cheque on? More coverage, page 4.

Transit debt looms

By **JEFF HODSON**
Metro Vancouver

TransLink expects to have an annual budget shortfall of around $300 million after 2012, the chair of the transportation authority said yesterday.

In 2007, TransLink posted an $89-million surplus — $40 million more than forecast. Its accumulated surplus is $408 million.

"In the next three years the surplus will be used up," said Dale Parker, following TransLink's annual general meeting in Burnaby.

"At that stage for us to continue with the program we're going to have to find new sources of revenue."

By 2012, the plan is projected to run a $150-million shortfall, but with the recently announced provincial transit expansion plans, that annual funding shortfall doubles to $300 million.

Parker said some of that shortfall could be recovered through the development of real estate surrounding SkyTrain stations.

Real estate alone, however, will not span the $300-million gap. Parker said other possible funding measures are being looked at, some of which may be unveiled later this year.

Future fare increases are tied to the rate of inflation, about 3 per cent a year.

B.C. may not see 2008 torch for Paralympics

By **JEFF HODSON**
Metro Vancouver

The 2008 Paralympic torch relay may not pass through Vancouver on its way to Beijing, according to media reports yesterday.

Citing a press release from the International Paralympic Committee, The Canadian Press said the relay's international leg was scrapped to show support for people affected by the May 12 earthquake.

Metro, however, could not confirm the release. The Beijing Paralympic website still listed Vancouver, London (2012 Summer) and Sochi, Russia (2014 Winter), as planned stops on the relay.

Whistler Mayor Ken Melamed said he knew the Beijing organizers had some concerns about the relay, but hadn't heard they'd cancelled it.

In Whistler, the mayor said, planning for the torch was in a preliminary phase, but would have included having the torch carried down the ski hill by a Paralympian on a mountain bike.

Vancouver Mayor Sam Sullivan said the city was looking forward to taking part in the event and was still awaiting confirmation from Beijing's organizers.

If true, Sullivan said he would work to plan another celebration for Paralympic athletes this summer.

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Speed up youth justice in B.C., author urges

By **JEFF HODSON**
Metro Vancouver

Youth justice in B.C. "needs an enema," said a retired youth custody supervisor, to ensure there is no disconnect between a crime and its consequences for young offenders.

"I feel personally that the system could be sped up," said Gordon Cruse, author of Juvie: Inside Canada's Youth Jails. "Like constipation, it poisons the system. It poisons the kid's attitude."

Cruse, who is taking part tonight in a Law Society of B.C.-public forum on youth justice, recounted how a young man pleaded guilty to a count of possession of marijuana. The case dragged on for more than 10 months.

For his research, Cruse interviewed Surrey-North MP Chuck Cadman who said consequences for young offenders have to come "swiftly and sternly," Cruse said.

"The change has to come from the lawmakers — our MLAs and MPs," he said. "You need a push to speed up the system and that's what I advocate when I say the system needs an enema."

public forum

» Voices on Youth Justice, with Cruse, Judge Nancy Phillips and Mary Ellen Turpel-Lafond, takes place to from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Law Society of B.C. (845 Cambie St.).

»news In Brief

» **BABY** Police are not ruling out foul play in the death of a six-week-old Port Alberni baby treated at Vancouver General Hospital. The exact cause has not been revealed, but police say he had "life threatening injuries."

» **FALL** A 31-year-old man fell 25 metres while hiking on Mount Seymour Monday, reports *news1130.com*. He suffered a serious leg injury and underwent surgery last night.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hospitals get healthy

Vancouver Coastal Health replacing junk food snacks

By **DONNA NG**
for Metro Vancouver

The worst kinds of junk food are being replaced with healthier, and in some cases, healthy alternatives at hospitals operated by Vancouver Coastal Health.

Speaking yesterday at Vancouver General Hospital, Health Minister George Abbott said snacks with high-fat, sugar and salt will be replaced with healthier alternatives that are low in fat, sugar and salt, and high in vitamins, minerals and fibre.

"While vending machines often provide the only option for a quick snack, junk food shouldn't be the only option," said Abbott.

Baked tortilla chips instead of fried, trail mixes and low-fat granolas will be sold while water, fruit drinks and diet pop will replace traditional sugary drinks.

RAFE ARNOTT/METRO VANCOUVER

George Abbott, B.C. health services minister, is reflected in the glass of a healthier choice vending machine at Vancouver General Hospital yesterday.

« When we make healthy lifestyle choices, we take control of our health. »
Health Minister George Abbott

Dr. Patricia Daly admitted that some of the new snacks may not be considered ideal health foods but they're healthier than what was previously offered.

Vancouver Coastal Health, B.C.'s biggest health authority, is the first authority in the province to implement this new regulation.

"When we make healthy lifestyle choices, we take control of our health," added Abbott.

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Russell Peters returns to Vancouver on Sept. 11 and 12 — the comedian's only two West Coast dates this year. The appearances at the River Rock Show Theatre and the Red Robinson Show Theatre will feature material from the Homecoming Tour and the upcoming Red, White and Brown release. METRO VANCOUVER

Raid finds explosives

Grow-op uncovered, 10 homes evacuated during RCMP search

By **ANDREA WOO**
for Metro Vancouver

Explosives and a marijuana grow operation were discovered after police executed a search warrant at another home in Richmond.

Cpl. Nycki Basra was at the scene of the raid, which occurred at a dilapidated one-storey home at 8440 Odlin Cres. Monday evening.

> *«What they located inside were seven devices that contained highly explosive materials.»*
> *Cpl. Nycki Basra*

"What they located inside were seven devices that contained highly explosive materials," she said.

No one was home at the time of the raid, which was organized by the RCMP's federal drug enforcement branch. Upon discovering the explosives, police evacuated about 10 neighbouring houses as a precautionary measure.

Several neighbours did not seem surprised by the news.

One described the home's residents as "not nice people."

Another suspected that there are at least two more grow operations in the neighbourhood.

While they can't reveal exactly how, police say it is connected to Friday's bust of a barn at 21880 River Rd., where they discovered one of the biggest drug labs in Richmond's history.

Five people — Richard and Miranda Suzick, Robert and Sylvete Rahn and John Rahberger — were arrested in connection with the River Road drug lab. They will appear in court tomorrow.

View Mars daily

Space centre displays feeds of NASA images

By **ANDREA WOO**
for Metro Vancouver

Space junkies will have a new place to get their fix since the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre launched its new Mars display yesterday.

On several screens located outside the Planetarium theatre and near the centre's Phoenix Lander display, visitors will be able to view footage of the red planet, which is obtained daily from NASA and the University of Arizona.

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Footage from the Hubble telescope and the Mars Phoenix Lander is being beamed to H.R. MacMillan Space Centre this week. Michelle Sz, a summer intern at the centre, said new footage is received daily.

Space centre officials believe it is the only place in Vancouver to have such feeds.

Michelle Sz, a summer intern for the centre, said that now is a particularly exciting time, because NASA has just over 60 days until the Martian winter, at which time, the lander will be encased in a block of ice and operations will shut down.

"Just Friday, they discovered that there was (what appears to be) water ice on the planet, which was pretty big for us," she said.

Space centre staff will also be on hand to answer questions daily from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

TODAY'S *question*

British Columbians have begun receiving $100 cheques — called Climate Action Dividend — from the provincial government to alleviate the impact of the carbon tax that kicks in July 1. What do you plan to do with the money?

NILOU MAJZUB
33
Dentist
Vancouver
I haven't received the cheque but gosh, I really don't know what I'll do with it. Probably put it in the bank and do something with it later on.

MELANIE KRUGER
32
Musician
Vancouver
Getting $100 for doing nothing? No, I haven't received it, but with $100, I can buy shoes.

BEN BROWN
31
Computer Artist
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I'll throw it in my account and it will slowly be riddled away by gas and frivolous spending.

JOYCE YIP/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

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»news In Brief

» **WANTED** Police are looking for a man who was caught masturbating between two parked cars in the 2700-block of West 6th Street yesterday at about 12:30 a.m. He is described as being a white male between 30 and 40 years old.

» **SOUGHT** Police are looking for the driver of a green GMC truck that struck a motorcyclist on Dundas Street, pulled over but then fled at 6:50 p.m. Monday. The man is described as a 50-year-old male with a handlebar mustache.

» **CITY CENTRE** The City of Richmond has approved a plan to help raise the low-lying city centre two metres above sea level to prevent sinking in the event of an earthquake, news1130.com reports. Currently, a series of perimeter dikes is the only thing that separates the city from the Fraser River and the Pacific Ocean.

» **OUTRAGE** B.C. Hydro has been receiving letters from customers angry about the company's proposed two-tier rate plan, reports news1130.com. The plan would charge homeowners a fixed amount for the first 1,600 kilowatt hours and then a higher rate for anything above. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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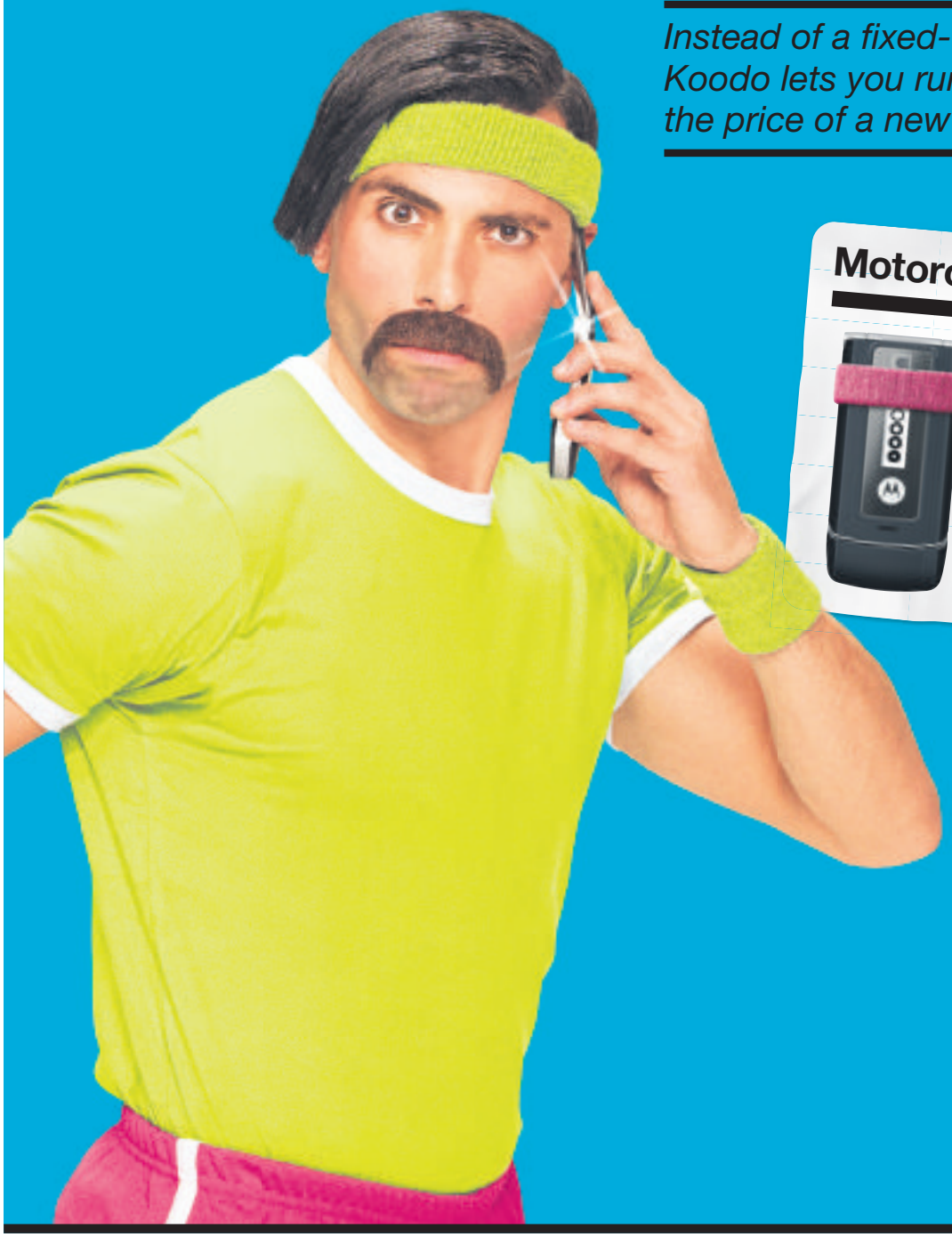

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The Vancouver Aquarium's baby beluga, seen here with her mom the day she was born, is recovering after falling ill.

Staff optimistic for baby

Beluga fell ill over weekend, but now doing much better

By **ANDREA WOO**
for Metro Vancouver

Staff at the Vancouver Aquarium are cautiously optimistic after their baby beluga fell ill this weekend.

Aquarium vet Dr. Marty Haulena said yesterday that staff grew concerned late Saturday when the two-week-old calf started spending more time than usual at the surface of the tank and seemed to have difficulty moving its tail.

"Certainly by Monday it was decided that we needed to go ahead and do a physical exam and collect blood and get some samples and start figuring out what's wrong with our calf," he said.

During the exam, Haulena discovered a 10-inch pus-filled abscess near the base of her tail. He drained it and put the calf on twice-a-day antibiotics.

"Four or five hours after she was treated, she really made a big turnaround," said Haulena. "She became a lot more energetic and started swimming around quite rapidly and diving under the water again and chasing her mom."

He said the abscess could have been caused by a number of things, from being hit while playing to a more generalized infection stemming from a problem with her immune system.

Haulena and a team of volunteers spent last night at the aquarium monitoring the calf.

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Sea lice travel from fish to fish: Study

Salmon predators such as cutthroat trout better watch out for sea lice that can jump ship — or in this case, fish — and infect.

Simon Fraser University doctoral candidate Brendan Connors has published a study in the journal Biology Letters showing that sea lice found on farmed salmon around B.C. waters can also latch onto predatory fish. The study is the first to show that sea lice are transmissible.

survivors

» The sea lice flee from farmed salmon when they are about to be caught.

To help reduce sea lice infections, the study's authors suggest a barrier to separate wild and farmed salmon.

"We're not opposed to salmon farming but we want them to do it safely."

DONNA NG/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

»news In Brief

» **CASINO** The Great Canadian Gaming Corporation is proposing a "green" casino in Maple Ridge, reports news1130.com. The $24-million facility would have a sloped roof and one wall covered in greenery to cut cooling costs.

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I unjunked my body!

Lina works in the fitness industry in Ottawa and recently came across an article on detoxing. Here is her story;

"I was having a hard time losing those stubborn extra pounds and I was tired a lot, which showed in my face. So when I came across a Biofirm story in the local newspaper, it made me curious.

It definitely made sense to me that we get tired and bloated from too many toxins in our foods and from our environment. But I didn't know that it made us gain weight! So I purchased a box of Biofirm and took the recommended 6 tablets a day for a month with lots of water and high-fibre foods. I was determined to unjunk my body!"

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After the 30 days detox, I wanted to continue, so I bought another 14 days of tablets. Again, I lost another 4 pounds and my clothes were getting very loose! I was thrilled - and the great part is that I didn't have to exercise vigorously for 6 weeks!!"

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Researchers have now discovered the biological cause of those stubborn pounds; Toxic particles bind water in the bodies' soft tissue and inhibit your metabolism from burning fat efficiently. The Conclusion: To lose weight, you must first cleanse your body!

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Boudreau a no-show for court appearance

Nova Scotia mother facing murder charge

By **ROBYN YOUNG**
Metro Halifax

Penny Boudreau was a no-show for her second scheduled court appearance yesterday in Bridgewater, N.S., even after the Crown prosecutor specifically requested her presence.

Paul Scovil said that "given the nature of the charge" he wants the public to remember she's innocent until proven guilty.

"Particularly these things that are of high public profile," Scovil told reporters outside the Bridgewater courthouse.

He wouldn't elaborate further.

Boudreau, 33, is accused of killing her 12-year-old daughter Karissa Boudreau.

She was charged with first-degree murder in the girl's death on June 13 and made her first court appearance June 16.

The court granted the woman's defence lawyer, Pat Atherton, a request to appear on his client's behalf yesterday, but the Halifax lawyer would not answer any questions from the media as to why Boudreau did not appear.

next court date

» At the Bridgewater courthouse yesterday, Boudreau's defence lawyer Pat Atherton and Crown attorney Paul Scovil set the next court date for July 15.

Toronto **Breastfeeding friendly**

MARK BLINCH/REUTERS

Nine-month-old Elora Yuen holds up a "Breastfeeding Friendly" sign in front of Carol-Lynne D'Arcangelis and her 14-month-old daughter Marlena at the Commensal Vegetarian Restaurant in Toronto yesterday. The city of Toronto has distributed 6,100 "Breastfeeding Anytime Anywhere" decals that restaurants can display on their door to help nursing mothers identify which restaurants are breastfeeding friendly.

Terror suspect enjoyed training camp: Witness

Mohammad Momin Khawaja returned from a Pakistani training camp excited about having fired machine guns and a rocket launcher, a court was told today.

The Ottawa software developer went to Afghanistan in July 2003 to attend a training camp set up in a mountainous region of Pakistan near the Afghanistan border where he fired an AK-47 assault rifle, rocket propelled grenade and a light machine gun, Crown witness Mohammed Junaid Babar testified.

"He was excited and he enjoyed it," said Babar in describing Khawaja's demeanour after about three or four days at the camp. Khawaja went to the camp with Omar Khyam, a ringleader in the failed London bombing plot, for which Khawaja is an accused participant.

Khawaja is accused of building detonators that were intended for use in blowing up a London nightclub and strategic infrastructure sites.

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»news In Brief

» **REWARD** Nearly a year after the triple murder of an Ottawa tax judge, his wife and their neighbour, city police yesterday offered a $100,000 reward in a bid to spur new leads into the case.

» **POLL** An overwhelming majority of Canadians, over 70 per cent, want to see Stéphane Dion and Prime Minister Stephen Harper square off in a televised debate on the Liberals' proposal for a carbon tax, a new poll shows.

» **COURT** In a series of stunning decisions, the Federal Court of Canada has jumped to the defence of Mexican women trying to stay in Canada to escape violence and abuse.

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world

U.S. radio personality Don Imus, left, yesterday defended linking football player Adam "Pacman" Jones' race to brushes with the police as Imus tried to dampen a controversy over remarks he made one day earlier. CBS Radio fired Imus in April 2007 for making a racially derogatory comment. REUTERS

Suicide mars Sarkozy exit

Soldier shoots self as French leader leaves Israel

An Israeli guard on the perimeter of a farewell airport ceremony for French President Nicolas Sarkozy shot himself dead yesterday, causing a security stir but not endangering the visiting leader, police said.

Bodyguards rushed Sarkozy and his wife to their plane and whisked Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and President Shimon Peres toward armoured cars on the tarmac.

"This was in no way an assassination attempt," police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said, calling the incident a suicide.

The two Israeli leaders later returned to the aircraft to bid the Sarkozys goodbye after it was established that the incident was over and posed no threat. The plane then took off.

Rosenfeld said the guard who shot himself was a paramilitary policeman assigned to a security patrol at the airport.

During his three-day state visit, Sarkozy repeatedly put himself forward as a possible broker of peace between Israel and the Palestinians, using his support among Israelis to mend ties and nudge them towards a peace deal. REUTERS

splitting Jerusalem

» The main event of Sarkozy's visit was his address on Monday to Israel's parliament, in which he called for an end to the expansion of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and for Israel and a future Palestine each to have a capital in Jerusalem.

GIL COHEN MAGEN/REUTERS

France's first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, top, reacts after hearing a shot, on the staircase of the presidential plane at Ben Gurion international airport near Tel Aviv, Israel, yesterday.

Mugabe defies critics

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe defied mounting pressure yesterday from both inside and outside Africa to call off Friday's presidential election, saying he had a legal obligation to go ahead.

Both Senegalese President Abdoulaye Wade and South African ruling ANC leader Jacob Zuma said the presidential run-off must be postponed after opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai withdrew from the vote and fled to the Dutch embassy in Harare.

« The West can scream all it wants. Elections will go on »
Robert Mugabe

But Mugabe shrugged off the pressure.

"The West can scream all it wants. Elections will go on. Those who want to recognize our legitimacy can do so, those who don't want, should not," Mugabe told a rally in western Zimbabwe. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **OBAMA** Two weeks after his wife ended her White House bid, former Democratic president Bill Clinton offered a faint voice of support for Barack Obama — through a spokesman.

» **ATTACK** Afghan police backed by NATO air strikes killed 14 Taliban insurgents after the militants attacked a small town in eastern Afghanistan, the Interior Ministry said yesterday.

» **CHURCH** The Vatican defended the late archbishop Paul Marcinkus, the head of the Vatican Bank whose tenure was marred by financial scandal, from media reports yesterday that he ordered the killing of a 15-year-old girl in 1983. REUTERS

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Price of education

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Cash-strapped students will increasingly tap the Canada Student Loan Program to fund post-secondary studies over the next 25 years, even though the total number of students enrolling in college or university is forecast to decline over that period, says a new report.

increasing need

» Tuition fees are "the primary source" fuelling the need for student loans. Average tuition fees are expected to jump from $5,800 in 2007-08 to $19,000 in 2031-32.

Post-secondary enrolment is expected to shrink as growing numbers of youth join the work force early.

Those pursuing college or university will rely more on student loans because their expenses will outpace their resources, the Actuarial Report on the Canada Student Loan Program said.

It forecasts the total amount of new loans issued will swell to $2.9 billion in 2031-32, up from $1.9 billion in 2006-07.

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Refinery backer wins protection

A company proposing a $4.6 billion refinery on Newfoundland's coast has won protection from creditors, allowing it to devise a restructuring plan that may include selling assets or bringing in new partners, one of its owners said yesterday.

Newfoundland's Supreme Court granted a request by Newfoundland and Labrador Refining Corp. to block a bid by a unit of SNC-Lavalin Group to have the firm declared bankrupt, said Altius Minerals, which owns 39.6 per cent of the refinery developer.

NLRC was hampered in its ability to attract financing for the 300,000 barrel a day refinery after credit markets tightened following the U.S. subprime crisis. REUTERS

Banker **Looking for work**

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Joshua Persky, a financial engineer who lost his job in the volatile banking industry six months ago, stands in front of the Charles Schwab building in New York City with a sign explaining his situation. Persky says standing on a corner passing out resumes beats networking and writing e-mails.

»news In Brief

» **PAYDAY** New Democrat industry critic Peggy Nash says legislation to regulate payday loans has a loophole that allows lenders to skirt the rules by attracting borrowers over the Internet from provinces with tougher laws.

» **MEETING** Biovail Corp.'s shareholders, who have seen the stock plunge 45 per cent in the past four years, could vote today for a new slate of directors floated by founder Eugene Melnyk.

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wireless auction

Value of bids surpasses $4B

PREDICTED Total bids surpassed $4 billion this week in an auction of wireless airwaves, more than double what most observers initially predicted when the auction began in late May. The auction was designed by Industry Canada to facilitate more competition in the wireless industry, criticized for having some of the highest rates in the developed world. Forty per cent of the auction's spectrum is being made available to new entrants only.

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Baseball **Safe at home**

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Toronto Blue Jays Vernon Wells slides safely under the tag of Cincinnati Reds catcher Paul Bako yesterday during the second inning at Rogers Centre in Toronto. The Blue Jays scored six runs in the first inning and five in the second in a 14-1 Interleague victory over the Reds.

CFL needs a banner season

YORK REPORT
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Another CFL season kicks off tomorrow night, which excites us because we enjoy the league and have cared about its welfare for decades. But let's tell it like it is.

The CFL hasn't provided much entertainment for years. Oh, the league's propagandists and their attached-at-the-hip shills on the airwaves like to go on ad nauseum about how thrilling their games have been, but take it from a guy who hasn't missed more than five or six in 15 years: The CFL ain't what it used to be.

Scoring has decreased substantially. So have big plays and game-breakers. Conspicuous by their absences have been the dazzling kick returns from **Gizmo Williams** and **Pinball Clemons**, the magical scrambles from **Doug Flutie**, **Jeff Garcia** and **Matt Dunigan**, the bombs from **Warren Moon**, the impossible catches from **Darren Flutie** and **Allen Pitts**, the remarkable runs from **Mike Pringle**.

The truth is that, unless you're fond of defence, the CFL has come up short since 2000. And, with the NFL threatening to invade Toronto — arguably the CFL's most significant city — this simply must be a banner year for Canadian football.

Unfortunately, there aren't many new faces inspiring excessive enthusiasm. There's certainly been the usual off-season recycling, though. The Saskatchewan Roughriders could no longer afford quarterback/MVP **Kerry Joseph** so they dispatched him to the Argonauts. The Edmonton Eskimos acquired the Argos' veteran kicker, **Noel Prefontaine**, after Toronto reacquired **Mike Vanderjagt**, who wore out his NFL welcome. And **Bob O'Billovich** moved from his front-office position with the B.C. Lions to become the newest general manager of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

And there will be four new head coaches, although the Montreal Alouettes' **Marc Trestman** is the only true greenhorn. **Rich Stubler** and **Ken Miller** were promoted from their assistant coaching positions in Toronto and Saskatchewan, respectively. And **John Hufnagel**, an offensive guru who was a CFL QB and assistant coach in the 1980s and 1990s, replaces the fired **Tom Higgins** as the Calgary Stampeders' head coach.

Higgins is the CFL's new officiating supervisor, which is confusing since he never seemed to understand the league's rules in the first place. But let's refrain from picking on Higgins. For now.

For the record, I'm picking Hufnagel's Stamps to win the Grey Cup, I suspect the Ticats will improve while the Als will sputter, and I think Calgary QB **Henry Burris** will emerge as the CFL's top player.

But I'll have a thorough CFL preview tomorrow — including predictions, players to watch for and a look at this week's games — in the first 2008 instalment of my weekly CFL Report, exclusively at *www.metronews.ca*.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

»sports In Brief

» **NHL** The Toronto Maple Leafs shook up their roster yesterday, waiving backup goaltender Andrew Raycroft and forward Kyle Wellwood. The team is also reportedly set to buy out the remainder of winger Darcy Tucker's contract, but general manager Cliff Fletcher says defenceman Bryan McCabe won't be cut.

» **NHL** Anaheim Ducks owner Henry Samueli was suspended indefinitely from any involvement with the team and the NHL by commissioner Gary Bettman yesterday. The ban comes a day after Samueli pleaded guilty to one count of making a false statement to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

» **NBA** Denver Nuggets forward Carmelo Anthony pleaded guilty yesterday to driving while impaired, stemming from a drunken driving arrest in April. By pleading guilty, Anthony avoided a more serious driving under the influence offence. He was sentenced to one year's probation, 24 hours of community service, and must pay $1,049 US in court costs.

» **NBA** Miami Heat forward Shawn Marion reportedly won't opt out of the final year of his contract. The Miami Herald spoke with Marion's agent, Dan Fegan, who said discussions for an extension took place. However, he added a deal could not be reached and it was decided that Marion would complete the final year of his deal.

» **GOLF** Tiger Woods underwent reconstructive surgery yesterday to repair a torn ligament in his left knee, an operation described as a success by his doctors. Woods, 32, decided to shut down his 2008 campaign after clinching his 14th major title at the U.S. Open eight days ago.

» **MLB** Washington Nationals first baseman Nick Johnson underwent arthroscopic surgery on his right wrist yesterday and will miss the remainder of the season. Johnson missed the entire 2007 season after recovering from a broken right leg.

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Minnesota 3 San Diego 1
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Milwaukee 4 Atlanta 3

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Venus storms through

Davydenko suffers Wimbledon flop

A pesky bee almost threw Venus Williams off course at Wimbledon yesterday but the defending champion regained her composure to swat aside Naomi Cavaday and reach the second round.

Opening Centre Court proceedings on the traditional "Ladies Day", the American ran into some early trouble before she staked her claim for a fifth title at the All England Club with a 7-6, 6-1 win over British wildcard Cavaday.

Her possible semifinal opponent, 2004 champion Maria Sharapova breezed to a 6-1, 6-4 win over France's Stephanie Foretz, but Sharapova's Russian compatriot, men's fourth seed Nikolay Davydenko, suffered his fifth first-round defeat in seven appearances when he went down 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 to Germany's Benjamin Becker.

French Open champion Rafael Nadal showed no signs of slowing down as he recorded his 18th successive win to dispatch German qualifier Andreas Beck 6-4, 6-4, 7-6.

Andy Murray, given the responsibility of ending Britain's 72-year wait for a men's champ now that Tim Henman has retired, began with a 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 defeat of wily Frenchman Fabrice Santoro. REUTERS

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Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., defeated Ukraine's Mariya Koryttseva 7-5, 6-4 yesterday at Wimbledon to advance to the second round for the first time.

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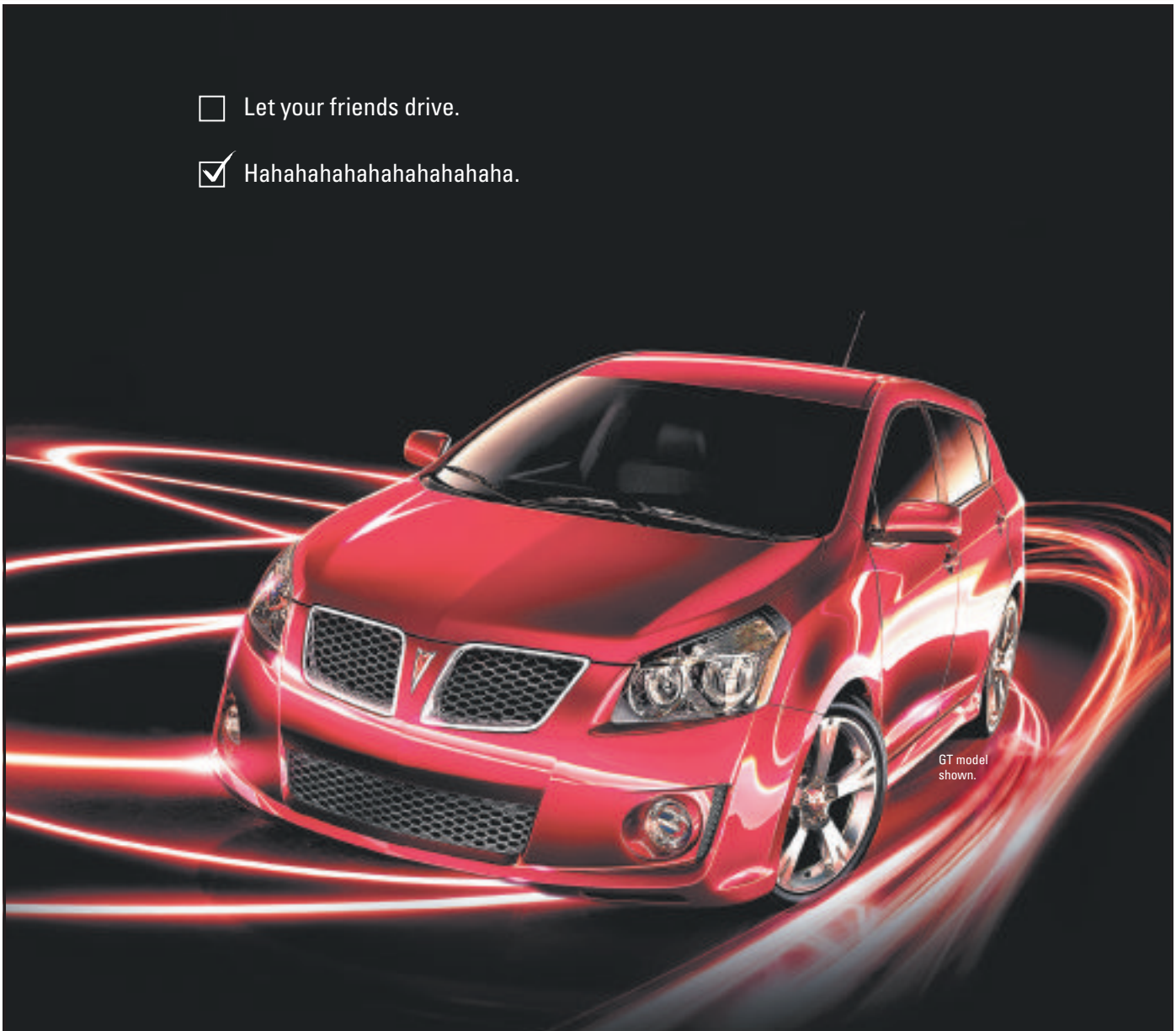

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Turn off that cellphone

Today's connected world contributes to work worry

By **RAFAEL BRUSILOW**
for Metro Vancouver

Four out of five Canadians believe work stress is harming their health but few are willing to completely let go of work, even on vacation.

A recent Ipsos-Reid survey presented by *Tripharbour.ca* showed that more than 80 per cent of working Canadians believe workplace stress is negatively impacting their health, and more than one-in-three Canadians surveyed say they struggle to balance their work and personal lives.

Lise Janelle, a business and life coach in Toronto who spent more than 23 years as a chiropractor, says "powering down" — being able to drop your work and force yourself to relax like you're supposed to — is becoming increasingly hard in a world of instant and constant communication. In her experience, not taking the time to relax can make you far less productive despite spending more time working.

"What I find with my clients is if they don't power down, their productivity is decreased. They feel stressed out, they feel tired, they feel they never have enough time in the day," Janelle said.

People should find time to "power down" when away from work to lower stress, life coach Lise Janelle suggests.

Janelle blames communication devices and their prevalence in day-to-day lives as a large factor in making Canadians feel like they're tethered to work no matter where they are. Turning off your work cellphone or mobile data device is the first step to letting yourself truly relax.

"We used to live not that long ago without cellphones and the world still functioned. I'm certain you can take a week off without your cellphone and things will be OK," Janelle said.

The study found Albertans are most likely to keep their data devices and check work calls while on vacation with Ontarians also struggling to let go, while Quebecers had the lowest instances of checking in with the office during time off. In the Atlantic provinces, 62 per cent of respondents said they don't enjoy their work while respondents in Saskatchewan and Manitoba were least likely to believe that work-related stress was negatively impacting their lives. Across Canada, one-in-five workers admitted to never truly disconnecting from work.

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> *Life coach Lise Janelle*

For Janelle, the results show that people who can't let go of work when they're not working have the hardest time powering down.

"If people are serious about powering down, they don't have a problem putting down their mobile. If you do have a problem powering down, don't take your mobile with you," Janelle said.

Over the years, Janelle has seen first-hand the negative health effects of workplace stress on Canadians.

"Often the spine gets affected, people get stress headaches, lower back pain, neck pain and stomach ulcers. There are health risks," Janelle said.

Publishing workshops this summer

By **DONNA NG**
for Metro Vancouver

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Burlesque can bring the fun back into life

Teacher extols do-it-yourself nature of dance

BY **KRISTA MARTIN**
for Metro Vancouver

Melody Mangler came to Vancouver with dreams of a career in theatre, but she soon discovered her audience got more of a rise out of burlesque theatre.

"I really like the freedom and the do-it-yourself nature of burlesque," explained Mangler.

"You can create a spectacle. It's fun and people really react to it."

"In theatre, you are making people cry and think about their lives. Burlesque makes them think about their lives in a more fun way."

Soon to turn 26, Mangler has been making her name on the burlesque scene for the last four years, teaching classes and performing with the Screaming Chickens, a not-for-profit society based in Vancouver that celebrates, advocates and educates about burlesque.

Mangler said she is the only full-time burlesquer in Vancouver and even in Western Canada, but said that anyone with a love for it can get involved.

Mangler said she started by going to shows and volunteering to help out. After networking and volunteering, she and her future-husband created a game show that caught the attention of Much Music.

Currently, she teaches women how to perform burlesque as well as choreographing dance numbers and rewriting songs. One of her favourites is a parody of "diamonds are a girls best friends" that she has donned "hymens are a girl's best friend."

She cautions people not to think that burlesque is just a striptease.

"Burlesque is many different things. It's an artistic competition involving dirty parodies, music and costumes," she said.

"We run variety shows and start with a funny opening act, then we parody funny songs with scantily clad girls doing an awesome striptease act."

Mangler said that most people vying to make a career in burlesque teach and make elaborate costumes.

"Unless you're Dita Von Teese, it's all about what you can do on the side," she said.

Melody Mangler teaches women how to perform burlesque as well a rewriting songs to add a certain fun edge to them.

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> Melody Mangler

Workload biggest worry for workers

Today's accounting and finance professionals are used to having a lot on their plates, but a new survey shows that growing to-do lists could be taking their toll. More than one in three (35 per cent) chief financial officers (CFOs) interviewed cited heavy workloads as the No. 1 workplace concern for their financial teams. Job security ranked second with 19 per cent of the response.

The survey was developed by Accountemps, the world's first and largest specialized staffing service for temporary accounting, finance and bookkeeping professionals, and conducted by an independent research firm. It was based on telephone interviews with more than 1,400 CFOs across the United States.

Executives were asked, "Which one of the following do you think is the greatest source of work-related concerns for finance and accounting professionals?" Their responses:

» Heavy workloads: 35 per cent;
» Job security: 19 per cent;
» Corporate governance mandates/compliance issues: 17 per cent;
» Personnel issues (e.g., coworker conflicts, office politics): 14 per cent;
» Work/life balance issues : 11 per cent;

"The combination of compliance mandates, traditional projects and shifting priorities has challenged accounting and finance professionals to keep up with their growing workloads," said Max Messmer, chairman and CEO of Robert Half International. "The problem is further compounded by a shortage of highly skilled candidates in many specialties."

Messmer continued, "Managers should closely monitor employees' workloads to right any imbalances and maximize the productivity of the entire group. This might include realigning responsibilities, prioritizeing assignments and bringing in temporary support during peak activity periods."

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Warning to Facebook users

Social networking sites can cause problems in the workplace that may lead to dismissal.

Facebook has grown in popularity — so much so, that a growing number of organizations have restricted access to the site from work. And, in my view, there is good reason to do so, as employees are too easily confusing freedom of speech with freedom from workplace consequences.

As Facebook's popularity continues to rise, so will the number of ex-employees looking for new work along with seeing their names on the front page of one of my statements of claim. Employees should, therefore, be more concerned about losing their jobs, instead of simply losing access to the site:

»Spending an inordinate amount of time on Facebook while at work is tantamount to theft of an employer's time, which can amount to cause for dismissal.

Employees flirt with friends, post pictures and chat on instant messaging. In these circumstances, seldom is Facebook being used for exclusively business purposes.

»When Facebook postings reveal unsavoury characteristics, employees can be fired. I've had two such cases. In one, the employee's pictures of her messy workstation irked her employer so much, she was immediately dismissed. In the other, a large retail chain fired a store manager after he posted a link to a video of himself that was taken when he was off-duty, but in company uniform.

»Comments written on Facebook can link the author to his employer, despite an unintended connection. Because workers are invited to disclose their place of employment and then are automatically linked with registered co-workers, employees' unmonitored comments can potentially compromise a company's reputation, trade secrets, or its competitive advantage — even if the reader mistakenly construes a posting as having been authorized by the company. Given the value placed on confidential information, courts are more likely to respect an employer's decision to precipitously fire an employee whose posting compromised, or even potentially compromised, a competitive advantage.

»Criminal laws can also be invoked if employees harass or intimidate coworkers via Facebook. These employees can end up surfing the classifieds for a criminal defence lawyer, as well as for a new job.

»Similar to an email, a Facebook posting can be used as evidence in court. In September, an Ontario court ruled, for the first time, that pictures taken from a litigant's Facebook page were admissible as evidence at a trial. As Facebook allows users to post information online for others to see, and later revisit, offensive comments, pictures or stories can become incontrovertible evidence of an employee's behaviour.

»But it's not just Facebook use while at work that can land you in my office seeking legal advice. Employees who believe that they cannot be disciplined for conduct outside of the workplace are profoundly mistaken, as employers maintain the legal right to discipline or dismiss for off-duty conduct. Facebook profiles and postings created and maintained outside of working hours and on employees' personal time can quickly derail an employee's career, if the content brings his or her employer's reputation into disrepute.

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Perks give Google top rep ranking

Web giant offers many bonuses to employees

Google Inc's famous employee perks — from providing "nap pods" for a quick break during the day to allowing engineers to spend 20 per cent of their work time on side projects that may spark new ideas — have given the Internet leader the best reputation in corporate America, according to a study released this week.

On the other hand, the U.S. airline industry, which has cut employee pay while raising prices and tacking on fees for formerly free services like meals and checked bags, saw its popularity tumble, the annual Harris Interactive Reputation Quotient poll found.

Largely for its reputation for treating workers well, Google claimed the No. 1 spot from Microsoft Corp, which fell to 10th place.

"The ratings they get focus on how they treat their employees, their workplace environment," said Robert Fronk, senior vice-president at Rochester, N.Y.-based Harris. "They absolutely get tremendous credit for the social responsibility, which for them is also linked with their vision and leadership."

Google's famous mantra is "don't be evil."

The airline industry suffered from a perception of treating both the public and its employees poorly, Fronk said. The percentage of respondents whose rating toward it was favorable fell to 26 per cent from 31 per cent last year, the sharpest drop of any of the 11 industries counted.

The poll, rating the reputations of 60 top U.S. companies and corporate America at large, was conducted in two waves.

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> *Robert Fronk, senior vice-president at of Harris, authors of the poll*

Harris selected the 60 companies in July and August, when it asked 7,105 Americans to name two corporations that stood out in their minds for having very positive or very negative reputations.

Then in February and March, pollsters turned to 20,477 respondents who rated the 60 companies on 20 attributes, including emotional appeal, the quality of their products and social responsibility.

tech predominant

In addition, the company polled respondents on various industries.

The bulk of the list is consumer products companies and tech companies, with women more likely to nominate the former and men the latter.

Rounding out the top 10, from second to ninth, were health-care company Johnson & Johnson, chipmaker Intel Corp., food companies General Mills Inc. and Kraft Foods Inc., Warren Buffet's investment and insurance enterprise Berkshire Hathaway Inc., diversified manufacturer 3M Co., soft-drink giant Coca-Cola Co. and Japanese automaker Honda Motor Co.

Financial services companies make up a relatively small piece of the list, with just Wells Fargo & Co., closely held State Farm Insurance, Allstate Corp. and Bank of America Corp. representing the sector.

"We have never found the investment banks to really be top of mind among the general public," Fronk said.

Reputation is important in all sectors, he noted, with respondents saying they were more likely to buy products from, invest in or welcome into their communities companies that they view favourably.

The five companies with the worst reputations, according to the study, were oilfield services company Halliburton Co., Venezuela-owned oil company Citgo, Northwest Airlines, oil giant Exxon Mobil Corp. and top U.S. cable company Comcast Corp.

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The new Jetta Wagon is based on the current Jetta/Golf sedan platform and shares their essential hardware, including suspension and body panels.

The wagon's interior, above, is much like the sedan's, with excellent materials and ergonomic touches. Below, the model's generous cargo space shows the utilatrian side of Volkswagen.

Wagon power from Europe

Jetta model builds on VW's charisma and popularity

By **BRADLEY HORN**
for Metro Vancouver

In Canada of late, the Jetta has largely been the flag bearer for the wagon body style for Volkswagen. In fact, when the previous-generation Jetta 'longback' debuted back in 2001, it gained uncanny cult status among Euro-type fans for its utility, handling and frugality — especially when equipped with a turbodiesel powerplant.

Such was its popularity, the TDI VW stayed an extra year in Canada after fading from the U.S. scene and examples have sold in eBay recently for more than the original asking price.

So Volkswagen wants to carry on that charisma here with its new '09 Jetta Wagon, which currently is available with a 2.5-litre, five-cylinder engine (170 hp) and a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine (both gasoline powered) but will have a new-design, cleaner burning 2.0-litre turbodiesel available by mid-summer. When the latter occurs, VW will be the only car company here to provide diesel power — with its fuel economy advantages over gasoline power — in a wagon format. The turbodiesel delivers 140 hp and impressive torque output for low-speed throttle response.

2009 Volkswagen Jetta Wagon

- Type: Compact 5-pass wagon FWD
- Price: $23,475 - $31,675
- Engine: 2.5L L5 DOHC/2.0L L4 DOHC turbo
- HP: 170 @ 5,700 rpm/200 @5,100 rpm
- Torque: 177 @ 4,250 rpm/207 @ 1,800 rpm

Highlights:

- Handsome 'Euro' looks
- Cargo room
- Build quality
- Diesel fuel economy
- Cruising range

Until then, the five-cylinder and turbo four-cylinder engines come mated to either a standard five-speed manual transmission or an optional six-speed automatic and provide performance, ride and handling levels suited to the needs of most buyers.

This new Jetta Wagon is based on the current Jetta/Golf sedan platform and shares their essential hardware, including suspension and body panels from the B-pillar forward. It has the same wheelbase as the sedan but, compared to the outgoing wagon, the overall length has stretched by 147 mm (nearly six inches).

As is usual with VW these days, body/trim fits and finish sits well above class norms. The standard wheels are 16-inchers, although alloys are available. In large part, the interior is much like the sedan's, with excellent materials and ergonomic touches like felt-lined storage pockets and a tilt/telescopic steering wheel.

With the standard 60/40-split rear seats up, the Wagon swallows 928 litres (32.8 cu-ft) of stuff. There's additional storage in the side paneling and under the cargo floor too, which sports a cover that can be propped up for use as a divider. The rear seats also tumble flat easily (with the headrests removed) to maximize cargo carrying capacity, assisted by a fold-down backrest on the front passenger seat.

Standard equipment includes air conditioning, keyless entry, cruise control, eight-way adjustable driver/front passenger seats, power heated mirrors, auxiliary input jack and front and side airbags for front seat occupants.

The base 'Trendline' model stickers for $23,475. 'Comfortline' ($25,975) and 'Highline' ($29.375) models progressively add goodies like leather, a multifunction steering wheel, chrome exterior trim and a huge panoramic sunroof.

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Nissan's big breakthrough

Versa expands small car thinking

By **B. MCLAUCHLAN**
for Metro Vancouver

Big-for-a-subcompact size and attractively priced, Versa hatchback is also a sharp little looker.

With its big-for-a-subcompact size, modern drivetrain and keen price Nissan's Versa hatchback has the added advantage of also being a sharp little looker.

Although the 1.8 S base model's $14,598 starting price qualifies it as an 'entry-level' rival for the likes of the Chevrolet Aveo, Honda Fit and Toyota Yaris, Nissan says it's no such thing in terms of its size, content, performance or quality.

It's hard to argue with such logic. For instance, the Versa is appreciably bigger than its main market rivals. At 2600 mm, it claims the longest wheelbase in its class and tops the others too in overall body length and height.

Those generous external dimensions translate into very accommodating interior volume, cargo space (with the rear seats folded), headroom and rear legroom.

The Versa's 1.8-litre engine pumps out 122 horsepower compared with the 103 to 110 hp output from its smaller-displacement subcompact competitors and the unit is a little gem in everyday operation. Smooth and free-revving, it propels the easy-riding Versa along with real brio via a standard six-speed manual transmission — the only one in its class, as is the optionally available Continuously Variable Transmission (CVT).

The dash, instrumentation and trim treatment look, work and feel better than you'd expect in such an inexpensive car. There are lots of spots for bottles, cups and other family flotsam, while the seats are well finished and comfortably supportive. The amount of rear seat legroom is unusually generous in a car this size.

Highway cruising is pleasantly quiet as the engine revs are kept suitably low at typical highway speeds.

Both the 1.8 S and 1.8 SL models offer a full complement of front, side and side-curtain airbags as standard, along with front-seat active head restraints.

There's also a reasonably priced Value Package for the base 1.8 S which adds air conditioning, power locks and windows, keyless entry, rear door pockets and door armrest pads.

The 1.8 SL starts at $17,398 and opting for the CVT adds an additional $1,300.

25 years of Nissan

» Nissan's assembly plant in Smyrna, Tenn., has just celebrated 25 years of building vehicles at the facility.

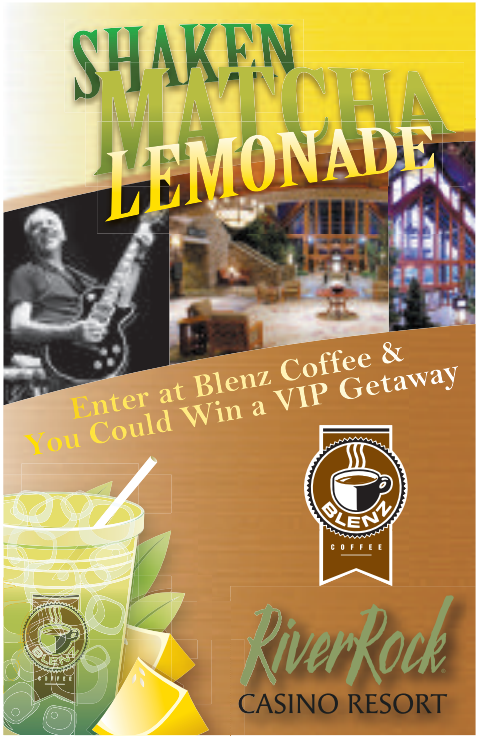
Since the plant produced its first compact pickup truck in June 1983, more than 8.2 million vehicles have been built in Smyrna.

"Over the past 25 years, Nissan's Smyrna plant has placed its mark on this community, the southern United States, and the automotive industry," said Greg Daniels, senior vice president, U.S. Manufacturing, Nissan North America.

"We are extremely proud of what we've accomplished over the past quarter of a century and are looking forward to the next 25 years."

Though Volkswagen preceded it by assembling its Rabbit model in Pennsylvania in the mid-1970s, Nissan was the first foreign automaker to bring vehicle assembly operations to the southern part of the United States.

Vehicles produced in Smyrna have won numerous awards including the 2002 Altima voted by U.S. and Canadian journalists as the "North American Car of the Year."



Saying goodbye to dry cleaning

Ford Flex makes driving friendlier for dress, trousers

Ford's 2009 Flex can add another claim to its growing list of why buys: you could call it the world's first trouser- and dress-friendly vehicle.

That's good news for everyone but dry cleaners, because the development team engineered into the Flex a concealed rocker panel (the structural component at the bottom of the door opening).

"The design is so clean and efficient that we've been able to reduce the step-in area," said Rich Gresens, chief designer for the Flex. "The clever design minimizes your clothes' exposure to the elements. There's no sill area where dirt usually collects."

Ford claims to have made getting in and out of its new Flex model a less messy affair.

The designers stretched the width of the Flex to wrap around the sill, bringing the step-in area inboard for much easier access for passengers. In combination with the hidden rocker, the Flex door was designed to wrap under the sill, effectively sealing out the elements.

The Flex offers other "firsts" as well, including: The company's hugely successful SYNC system; SIRIUS Travel Link, which gives customers the opportunity to download real time information on items like fuel prices, theatre listings, weather reports and sports scores; and a reverse camera system.

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Couples Focus on challenge

Ford's feisty car put to test

Ford's new compact Focus has been remade to attract young professionals, couples and families and anyone looking for style, durability and daily utility in an economical package. Several Canadian couples representative of potential buyers were brought together to drive the new car for their evaluation for Carguide Magazine.

In a controlled environment, they practised advanced driving skills in the vehicle before taking it out on a public highway, this time in and around historic Montréal and the ski and golf resort town of Mont-Tremblant.

New exterior design, an all-new interior and improved driving dynamics, plus the industry-first Ford/Microsoft Sync system (bringing previously unheard-of levels of connectivity to the market, regardless of segment) define the new Focus.

Fuel economy has been improved through better aerodynamics, engine modifications and a body that weighs 45 kg less than before.

Several drivers expressed amazement at how little distance the Focus took to fully stop on wet pavement and how the anti-lock braking allowed them to maintain steering control while forcing the brake pedal.

Generally, the applied science of the human/machine interface, called ergonomics, scored high marks all around. The tallest of the drivers, six-foot Craig Sabine of Toronto, remarked on more-than-ample headspace in the back seat and in the front. Entry and exit was easy courtesy of large doors that open wide, said Zeeya Fazal of Brampton, Ont.

The Focus won kudos for comfort and performance with "just right" steering, said Fazal, who found it a breeze to zip between cones in the lane change exercise. "This car steers wonderfully," remarked Sabine.

Significantly, all said they would recommend others to test drive the Focus when shopping for a new compact car.

BY THE EDITORS OF CARGUIDE MAGAZINE

The new Ford Focus showcases new technologies and styling mixed with a confidence-inspiring ride and reflexive handling that give it a nimbleness and fun-to-drive factor that rivals the best small cars.

Toronto couple Caryn Schumacher and Craig Sabine.

Auto engagement

» A Toronto couple who went to Quebec to put the new 2008 Ford Focus to the test came away from the weekend engaged to be married. Caryn Schumacher, 25, and Craig Sabine, 27, were invited to be among the first Canadians to experience the redesigned and re-engineered 2008 Ford Focus. Up with the birds at 5 a.m. on the first day of the event, Sabine, an associate at an energy consulting firm, asked Schumacher to be his co-driver for life. "There's nothing like waking up to diamonds," said Schumacher, a human resources co-ordinator.

Think inside the wind tunnel

Automakers focus on aerodynamics for greener cars

As gas prices continue to rise, so does the search for new ways to improve fuel economy. This need is prompting automakers to put aerodynamics toward the top of their design priority lists and start thinking outside the box and inside the wind tunnel.

One of the best ways to improve a car's fuel economy is to reduce its aerodynamic drag. The easier the car is to push through the air, the less gas you have to use.

There are several design elements that can be altered to help the aerodynamic profile of a vehicle. Smoothing out the underbelly to create less turbulence is one. A Kamm-back design, where the backend drops off steeply, is another design element being developed for vehicles like the electronically driven Chevrolet Volt.

There are also ways to improve your own car's aerodynamics. Keeping bike, ski or luggage racks off the roof when you're not using them can greatly increase your vehicle's fuel efficiency.

Chevrolet Volt is incorporating design elements to reduce aerodynamic drag.

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Beijing's essential experiences

From acrobatics to art, a guide to the must-see sites

A visit to Beijing can be daunting for the uninitiated. What you really need is advice from a local expert who can give you the lowdown on where to find the best of the Chinese capital. And who better to share her knowledge than a concierge? Here, Leigh Li, chief concierge at top Beijing hotel, The Peninsula (*beijing.peninsula.com*), gives her insider's tips on what to experience when you visit Beijing.

1. ACROBATIC SHOW — See the show staged at Wan Sheng Theatre in Qian Men District, one of the oldest districts in Beijing. Show starts at 7:15 p.m. daily.

2. 798 ART AREA — ICON OF CHINESE CONTEMPORARY ART — Located in the Dashanzi area, to the northeast of central Beijing, 798 is a cultural centre housed in what used to be several state-owned factories including Factory 798, which originally produced military machinery.

Artists and cultural organizations began to colonize the factory spaces in 2002, and it's now home to galleries, art centres, artists' studios, design companies, restaurants and bars as well as the new Ullens Centre for Contemporary Art.

GETTY IMAGES

A couple stands in a covered walkway named Long Corridor at the Summer Palace imperial garden in Beijing.

3. HUTONG TOUR — Take a ride on a bicycle-driven rickshaw through the city's historic "hutong" district, where many of the residents still live in traditional quadrangle dwellings.

4. OLYMPIC STADIUMS — Visit the newly built Olympic stadiums, including the Bird's Nest and Cube Aquatics Centre.

5. LEARN ABOUT BEIJING HISTORY AT THE CAPITAL MUSEUM — This recently opened museum features the history of Beijing and Chinese architecture — a must for anyone who wants to know more about the capital. Open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (closed every Monday).

6. EXPLORE THE GREAT WALL — China started building the Great Wall since before it was a nation. The best-known section of the Wall is Badaling in the mountains of Yanqing County.

For an alternative view, visit the Juyongguan Pass, just south of Badaling, in Changping County and a bit nearer to Beijing. The most recently restored part of the Wall, it spans one of the nine passes crossed by the Wall.

7. THE FORBIDDEN CITY — It took a million labourers and 100,00 artisans to complete the first version of this Imperial palace between 1406 and 1420, during the Ming Dynasty. The total area of the complex is 183 acres, so it takes quite a while to walk through, especially if you want to have a close look at everything. There are 999 rooms in the museum, although not all can be visited. For an aerial view over The Forbidden City, walk to the top of the Coal Hill in Jingshan Park.

8. PANJIAYUAN MARKET — The mother of all antique markets, Panjiayuan is home to 3,000 dealers who scour the countryside in search of antiques, family heirlooms and curios. This is the place to go for everything from 1930 silk qipao dresses to 1990 Qing-looking furniture and almost everything in between. Open only on weekend mornings.

9. TEA STREET — Tea Street was originally called "Iris Street." It now houses eight wholesale markets and more than 600 tea shops selling more than 500 kinds of tea leaves. Close to West Beijing Railway Station.

10. CHILL OUT IN HOU HAI — Lotus Lane is the happening district of the Hou Hai lake area, where there are a number of small eateries and interesting bars, many with live music. There are also several shops selling art.

11. BOAT OR SKATE IN THE SUMMER PALACE — One of the best parks in the city, it was established as a retreat for emperors to escape the scorching summer heat.

Walk along the famous Long Corridor, the covered walkway that runs alongside the park's Lake Kunming — it's the longest painted corridor in the world according to the Guinness Book of World Records. Also on the shore of the lake is the Marble Boat, the lakeside pavillion where royals used to take tea.

12. FLY A KITE IN TIANANMEN SQUARE — It's easy to buy a kite in Beijing. In spring and autumn, flying a kite in Tiananmen Square is the perfect way to enjoy this traditional activity to the fullest.

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Lima proves it's no stopover city

Long considered just a stopover on the way to the famous Inca ruins at Machu Picchu, Lima has emerged as a destination spot of its own in recent years. Here's how to get the most from a weekend visit in the Peruvian capital:

friday

4 P.M. No time to lose. Get in touch with Lima's humble roots by going to the market in Chorrillos, where you can buy fish fresh off the boat. Meander around the wharf, which looks delightfully out of place in the middle of a major city.

6 P.M. Grab a coffee at Cafe Haiti (160 Avenida Diagonal, Miraflores), a cool cafe that overlooks Kennedy Park, smack in the centre of Miraflores madness. People watch as you sip your drink and ponder the cafe's slogan, printed on purple coasters: "Business and Love." Wander the side streets to look for little houses pulled straight from the nostalgic novels of Mario Vargas Llosa.

8 P.M. Take advantage of Lima's gastronomic renaissance by dining at one of the city's finest restaurants — Cala, a sophisticated seaside joint with great views of the water. It's sleek, trendy, but not in-your-face about its coolness. The menu is contemporary, specializing in seafood and fish.

saturday

9 A.M. Rise and shine. For breakfast, pop into Las Delicias juice bar and order a drink made from one of the exotic, tropical fruits typical of the region (across the street from La Mar 770, Miraflores). Granadilla and lucuma, which locals say only grows in Peru, are classics.

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The fountain in front of the cathedral in Lima.

11 A.M. Grab a taxi and head downtown. Get out at Plaza Mayor and watch the changing of the guard, a bizarrely formal affair with marching toy-like soldiers. Push past the requisite horde of tennis-shoed tourists and pop your head in at the Cathedral of Lima, where Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro is said to have laid the first stone.

1 P.M. Walk to the San Francisco Church, known for its catacombs. Take a tour to go underground and see the dry bones and skulls of some 70,000 people, arranged in artistic circles.

3 P.M. Head to the Museum of the Inquisition to learn about torture techniques. Waterboarding, which has come under recent attack in the United States, was a common practice at the time, especially for women, as it was considered a "kinder" way to extract information. The wax-like, human-size models leave little to the imagination.

5 P.M. Time to relax. Head to Hotel Bolivar, the elegant, blue-velvet hotel that reigns over Plaza San Martin. Try Peru's national drink — the pisco sour, a frothy, egg, brandy concoction that packs a serious punch, but goes down smooth.

8 P.M. For dinner, head to Astrid y Gaston, the flagship restaurant of Chef Gaston Acurio. The food is excellent and Gaston is famous for turning foodies onto the gamut of Peruvian cuisine.

11 P.M. Go dancing! Head to El Dragon, a hip fusion club that attracts a young crowd. Or, slide on your fancy shoes and go to Gotica, an upscale club in LarcoMar, the seaside mall in Miraflores.

sunday

6 A.M. Surf's up! If you are an energetic early bird, stroll down the cobblestone walkway of the Bajada Balta to the beach. Rent a surfboard and wetsuit to insulate yourself from the chilly Pacific Ocean. Brave the consistently good waves that offer some of the best surfing of any big city. Ignore the people who say the water is polluted.

10 A.M. Late risers can greet the morning by going for a leisurely walk along the ocean-front parks in Miraflores, perched atop steep cliffs.

NOON Political buffs should hop over to the National Museum to check out the display on the Maoist Shining Path guerrillas who destabilized the country in the 1980s and 1990s before the rise of the autocratic President Alberto Fujimori, who now stands trial on charges of human rights abuses.

2 P.M. Time to shop. Head to the arts and crafts market in Miraflores to burn whatever might be left of your soles, Peru's currency. Spend time poking around the maze of small stalls to find handicrafts to take home.

4 P.M. The ruins at Huaca Pucllana are just a stones throw from downtown Lima. Explore ongoing excavations and the zoo. Finally, relax and take in the sunset with your cocktail at the striking on-site restaurant REUTERS

Border guards, unleash the dogs

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Customs officials are quick to give me the evil eye. My passport has so many transit stamps that even I admit it's starting to look a little strange.

I've been to over 60 countries(many of them considered "suspect") and the total is rising rapidly.

So border guards, unleash the dogs — I am about to set off for my third adventure around the world.

This time, I'll be heading out with a television crew to film season two of Word Travels (airing every Wednesday across Canada on OLN).

With another 13 episodes green lit, my bags are packed — I don't think I ever really unpacked from my last adventure — and I'm gearing up for another round of passport stamps.

Word Travels follows the real lives of two young Canadian writers — Vancouver-based adventurer Robin Esrock and yours truly — to capture the warts-and-all lifestyle that is travel journalism. We're talking the good, the bad, the hungover and the cranky.

This year, our list of destinations includes Taiwan, Korea, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Maldives, Romania, Ukraine, Turkey, Georgia, Belize, Mexico, British Colombia and Jamaica.

We'll be gone for the next few months, filming overseas through everything from political turmoil to the occasional surprise typhoon.But this time, I'm also looking for assistance from Metro readers. I want to find cool, unusual stories in all the destinations we're visiting, and I'm hoping to elicit your suggestions.

Do you know of any cool places to stay, eat or party? Off-the-beaten-track spots, human interest stories or quirky sub-cultures? Things to do, things to avoid — I'm open to it all. If you'd like to share your thoughts, I'd love to hear from you. Please contact me at *editor@thetravel junkie.ca*. Meanwhile, I'm off to the airport, sketchy-looking passport in hand.

Freelance writer Julia Dimon is host of Word Travels, airing on OLN. Contact her at www.thetraveljunkie.ca

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Hilary Duff, left, has joined Winona Ryder, Jon Cryer, Sean Astin, and Chevy Chase in the cast of the Polish brothers comedy Stay Cool. EW.COM

Cinema's robots show soul

Machines often had sinister aims in film roles

By **RICK McGINNIS**
for Metro Vancouver

If there's a villain in Wall-E, the animated Pixar feature opening this week, it's Auto, a wheel-like robot with a very familiar red eye glowing, Cyclops-like, in the centre of its hub. You can be certain that the designers and animators at Pixar knew perfectly well that they were borrowing the single most recognizable bit of HAL, the villain of Stanley Kubrick's epochal 1968 film 2001: A Space Odyssey.

There had been robots in movies before 2001; the most iconic were probably Gort, the muscle brought by aliens to Earth in The Day The Earth Stood Still, and Robby, the bulbous robot who began his long career in 1956's The Forbidden Planet.

The modern era of movie sci-fi began with Kubrick's film, however, and with it a major shift in the roles of robots — from dumb machines limited to the confines of their programming to mechanisms at the dawn of consciousness, seeded with what can only be called a soul.

Pixar's Wall-E is just such a creature, left alone with is single programmed task for centuries, during which the cute little trash compactor develops emotions, schooled by a discarded videocassette of Hello Dolly. The film's bleakest joke is that Wall-E and his fellow robots have more personality than the adipose blobs humans have evolved into during centuries adrift in space.

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Ever since Keir Dullea shut down HAL in 2001, in a scene where the malevolent computer evoked more bathos than any single human in the film, movies have returned again and again to robots with either humanoid shapes or recognizably human emotions. With the exception of C3-PO in Star Wars, it's a general rule that humanoid robots in movies will likely have a sinister agenda — think the original Terminator, Sonny in the recent movie adaptation of Isaac Asimov's I, Robot, Yul Brynner's Gunslinger in Westworld and False Maria, the striking art deco robot in Fritz Lang's Metropolis. Squat, diminutive robots like Wall-E, toddler-like in proportion and demeanor, are inevitably benevolent — think R2-D2, Johnny Five in Short Circuit, and Huey, Dewey and Louie, the waddling mailboxes in the dystopic Silent Running.

All these movies seem to be working overtime to imagine the day when our creations attain consciousness, and humanity becomes the same sort of inattentive, negligent creator that we suspect God to be in our darker moments.

At their best, we hope they're like Wall-E, blessed and befuddled with our own doubts and wonder and vital but inefficient emotions. In a worst case scenario, like HAL or Auto, they pursue their programming and merciless logic and our very existence is called into doubt by newly-minted robot atheists who no longer believe in us.

Borat's Cohen invited to join Oscar Academy

A diverse group of actors — including French Oscar winner Marion Cotillard and Borat star Sacha Baron Cohen — have been invited to join the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

Cohen

The Academy said on Monday it issued invitations to 105 luminaries. Other notable names include Oscar-winning Juno screenwriter Diablo Cody, the film's director Jason Reitman, Ruby Dee, Josh Brolin, Allison Janney and Jet Li. Each year, in order to replenish its ranks as members die or opt for non-voting status, the 15 branches of the Academy endorse new candidates.

Under a membership policy adopted in 2004, the Academy has slowed growth in its ranks, which number just below the 6,000 mark. This year, the Academy could have sought out as many as 137 new members. REUTERS

tour

U.S. rejects Boy George's visa

MUSIC Culture Club frontman Boy George's North American summer tour is in doubt after U.S. authorities refused to issue him a visa, citing looming legal issues overseas. George's 24-date trek is scheduled to begin July 11 in Las Vegas.

George was arrested last year after a male escort accused him of false imprisonment and assault. George later denied the allegations and was released on bail. REUTERS

McAvoy unlikely action hero

By **STEVE GOW**
for Metro Vancouver

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Surprisingly, it wasn't the demanding stunts that were the most challenging aspect of making Wanted. James McAvoy gained more than 25 pounds of muscle for the part.

James McAvoy may be Hollywood's newest action hero but the unassuming gentleman sipping green tea while doing interviews to promote his latest film is not your prototypical power man.

He doesn't have the build of, say, The Rock. Nor the swagger of Jason Statham. The guy once played a half-goat in The Chronicles of Narnia for crying out loud! He can't really be the next big action hero, can he?

Well, with his latest movie Wanted, it's about to change for James McAvoy. In the film, he plays a nervous loser who becomes an incredibly gifted fighter after he's taken in by a fraternity of "super-sensory trained assassins". The film features some stunning cinematography and huge stunts, particularly one favourite of McAvoy's that involved leaping from a moving car just before it got sideswiped. "There were no wires and there were no mats," brags the actor. "I always had pads of course. Lots and lots of padding."

Surprisingly, it wasn't the demanding stunts that were the most challenging aspect of making Wanted. McAvoy gained over 25 pounds of muscle for the part.

"I don't know how much I bulked up and I don't even know what pounds are because we use kilograms so it was like nine or ten kilograms," laughs the 29-year-old Scottish actor. "I didn't get ridiculously large at all but I put on a lot of weight for me."

In order to add that weight, the slim actor (he only weighed 137 lbs before filming) was required to do 2 months of intense training. His daily regimen included fight-training, kickboxing, weapons, weights and interval training.

"Eating," McAvoy blurts out about what the hardest part of it all was. "Just keeping that weight on when you're doing 13 hours a day (of stunts) and then you're doing the gym at night. I had to eat like a trooper, man."

For all his hard work however, McAvoy shares no ambition to become the next great action hero. In fact, he's still perfectly happy to hang up his kickboxing gloves for a while.

"We might make another one of these one day but until then, I don't think I'll go back."

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Biggest Loser's host, Alison Sweeney, right, is expecting her second child. The 31-year-old made the "big reveal" Monday night in front of the Season 6 cast. Sweeney and her husband, Dave Sanov, have a three-year-old son, Ben. PEOPLE.COM

comeback

Bee Gees may return to stage

MUSIC Robin Gibb has said he and brother Barry may return to the stage as The Bee Gees, five years after their brother and bandmate Maurice died. Robin Gibb told the BBC Online he is "very open" to a comeback if Barry "feels comfortable with it".

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Feldman stops Jackson rumours

ABUSE Former child star Corey Feldman has stopped rumours he was once molested by Michael Jackson — insisting the singer is innocent of abuse claims, imdb.com reports. Feldman revealed he was the victim of child abuse but it was not Jackson. METRO NEWS SERVICES

get ready for the **panda**

CARLOS ALVAREZ/GETTY IMAGES

Actors Dustin Hoffman and Jack Black ham it up in Madrid, Spain, yesterday, where they were promoting their new film, Kung Fu Panda. The movie is in theatres on this side of the ocean.

Paramount sales pass $1 billion US

Paramount Pictures said this week it had topped $1 billion US in sales at U.S. and Canadian box offices, boosted by hit films Iron Man and the latest Indiana Jones saga, and become the first studio to pass that benchmark this year. The announcement came hard on the heels of the disappointing opening for its new Mike Myers comedy The Love Guru, which earned just $13.9 million during the weekend. Hollywood pundits had expected it to open in the $20 million range.

Last week, the Viacom Inc-owned studio surpassed the $1 billion mark in international ticket sales. The superhero saga Iron Man has now grossed $305 million domestically (U.S. and Canada), while director Steven Spielberg's Indiana Jones And The Kingdom Of The Crystal Skull has pulled in $291 million. Paramount has also benefited from the cartoon Kung Fu Panda, which has made $156 million after three weekends.

The studio did not produce any of the movies, but receives a fee for distributing them. Iron Man was produced by Marvel Entertainment Inc's Marvel Studios, Indiana Jones by George Lucas' Lucasfilm, and Kung Fu Panda by DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc. But Paramount did produce The Love Guru, partnering on the $60 million project with independent producer Spyglass Entertainment. REUTERS

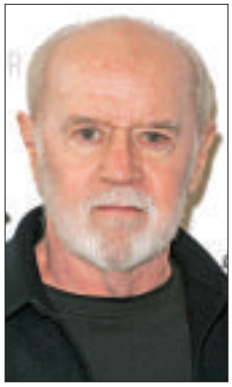
Comic Carlin 1st posthumous Twain humour honouree

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts said this week it would go ahead with plans to present its Mark Twain Prize for American Humor to the late George Carlin, making him the first comedian so honoured posthumously.

Carlin, the counter-culture figure famed for his provocative stand-up routines on such subjects as profanity, drugs and the demise of humankind, died Sunday at age 71 after complaining of heart problems earlier in the day.

The Kennedy Center had only announced days before that Carlin was selected as the 11th recipient of its prestigious Mark Twain award, an honour bestowed annually at a black-tie gala televised on the Public Broadcasting Service network PBS.

"He was thrilled that he was chosen ... and today was the day we were supposed to talk on the phone about potential guests," said Mark Krantz, an executive producer of the show.



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Comedian George Carlin, who died Sunday, was selected as the 11th recipient of the presitigious Mark Twain award for humour.

"So he was very much into it and was already agreeing to do some press, and we were getting ready to get the nuts and bolts worked out when this terrible thing happened."

After consulting with Carlin's family and PBS, the Kennedy Center decided to go forward with the ceremony as scheduled on Nov. 10. The show, taped at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., will air on PBS at a date to be announced.

Last year's honouree was actor-comedian Billy Crystal. The first in 1998, was Richard Pryor, the only other recipient who is now deceased. Others have included Whoopi Goldberg, Lily Tomlin, Bob Newhart, Steve Martin, playwright Neil Simon and Saturday Night Live producer Lorne Michaels.

For Carlin's ceremony, producers will stick with the usual format described by Krantz as "a funny celebration of a career," with friends and peers telling stories and anecdotes and introducing clips of his work.

"He has a 50-year career to look back on," Krantz said. "He was the first host of Saturday Night Live. He did 130 Johnny Carson shows, he did 13 or more HBO specials, he's won four Grammys."

The Mark Twain prize is named for the 19th-century novelist, essayist and humorist whose given name was Samuel Clemens, author of such classics as The Adventures Of Tom Sawyer and The Adventures Of Huckleberry Finn. REUTERS

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Mary-Kate Olsen, left, is shooting an episode of the comedy Samantha Who? this week, ABC has confirmed. The episode is to air this fall.

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Some DVD sets missing something

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WORDS AND MUSIC: When the first season of WKRP In Cincinnati arrived on DVD, fans of the show were justifiably livid that almost all of the musical cues — pop songs played on-air by DJs Venus Flytrap and Johnny Fever — were missing, and that when the song was integral to something happening onscreen, the scene would be trimmed to avoid looking nonsensical in the absence of music.

The practice of removing copyrighted music is common enough that companies like Viacom/Paramount routinely include a fine print warning — "some music may have been changed" — on disc sets where music has either been excised or replaced with generic substitutes.

The DVD set of season 2 of The Fugitive — the '60s thriller starring David Janssen — recently hit the shelves after undergoing just such treatment, and despite the fact that the first season was released with all the original musical cues.

According to a story in Variety this week, the score for the second season didn't rely on a specially-composed score or public domain music, but from a mix of music by Pete Rugolo — author of the show's theme — and cues taken from a range of music libraries. Untangling the legal knots created by the show's music editor, Ken Wilhoit, forty years ago proved so daunting that Paramount simply stripped out all of the show's background music except for Rugolo's intro and outro credit themes, a move that fans have called "sickening," while stating that they would be returning their purchases.

Before the dawn of the lucrative DVD business, music contracts on TV shows made no provision for royalties or rights after original runs and syndication.

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Today, music is negotiated with clauses that bear impressively inclusive language reserving right of usage for "any and all media now known or hereinafter devised."

This wasn't the case as recently as a decade ago, and profits from DVD sets have been diminished by the necessity of paying between ten and forty thousand dollars US per track — the Variety story recalls that licensing Motown songs for season one of Murphy Brown cost a million dollars, while rights issues probably means that shows like The Wonder Years will either hit the market with their music stripped out or not at all. (The Murphy Brown season one box retailed on amazon.com for a sale price of just $20.99, as of yesterday.) While CBS Paramount executives refrained from answering Variety's queries about the Fugitive set in favour of a press statement explaining their actions, the editor of the web site TVShowsOnDVD.com told the trade paper that moves like this are pushing fans into buying pirate sets, or illegal downloads, which you'd think someone in marketing or PR at Viacom would have figured out by now.

In somewhat related news, it seems that pilot episodes of two more fall shows — Steven Bochco's legal drama Raising The Bar and Leverage, a TNT show starring Timothy Hutton — hit the online file-sharing networks this week. You'd start to think, at this point, that Hollywood woke up one morning with a newfound deathwish, and an ambition to see how quickly they can go the way of Vaudeville or the telegraph.

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Controversial lineup plagues Glastonbury fest

With three days to go before Glastonbury there are still tickets available, an unusual situation for the annual celebration of pop music which many people blame on this year's controversial lineup.

Armed with wellington boots and enough toilet paper to last four days, 134,000 fans will pitch tents and share 3,000 temporary toilets on a 400-acre dairy farm in southwest England.

« It's been rather slow selling the last twenty thousand. »
Crispin Aubrey, festival spokesman

There they will hope to catch performances from the likes of Amy Winehouse, Leonard Cohen and Jay-Z over the three-day event.

"I would think in the 1990s there were occasions when it got to the point that tickets were still on sale at this moment," said festival spokesman Crispin Aubrey.

"Certainly since 2001, when we introduced a new impenetrable fence it has sold out every year since then until now," he added. "It's been rather slow selling the last twenty thousand."

The usual excitement that surrounds the festival, which started in 1970, has been overshadowed by U.S. rapper Jay-Z's headline appearance.

"(Jay-Z) has caused a lot of discussion but we've had a lot of people who've said it's a brilliant, brave decision to do something different," Aubrey said. "We often try to have relatively mainstream people at the top of the bill, like Paul McCartney, and I think it was thought this year 'let's go for something different', like a solo black performer."

The festival's cause was not helped when British rock royalty in the form of Oasis' Noel Gallagher weighed into the debate saying a hip-hop act was wrong for a festival whose roots are in guitar. Jay-Z responded earlier this month by dismissing the debate as "ridiculous."

"If we don't embrace what is new, then how do we progress?" he told BBC Radio.

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Larry King

King's wife enters rehab

The wife of talkshow host Larry King has reportedly been admitted to rehab, suffering from an alleged addiction to painkillers, imdb.com reports. Shawn Southwick King — who has been married to the TV personality for 10 years — is being treated at an undisclosed clinic for problems relating to her dependency on migraine relief drugs, according to reports.

A source tells the New York Post gossip column PageSix, "Shawn is in rehab for medication issues related to her chronic migraine problem."

The TV actress is King's sixth wife and they have two children together.

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Actress Heather Locklear, left, who has been dealing with anxiety and depression, is seeking treatment for psychological issues at an Arizona facility, her publicist has confirmed. PEOPLE.COM

»going out

7:30 p.m. Pianist Brad Mehladau performs as part of The Vancouver Jazz Festival. At The Centre for Performing Arts, 777 Homer St. Tix: $50/55. Info: *centreinvancouver.com*.

7:30 p.m. Vancouver Choral Group Aliqua performs acapella, pop and classical. At The Vancouver Playhouse. Tix: $20-35. Info: *vancouverplayhouse.com*.

8 p.m. King Lear. At Bard On The Beach, 301-601 Cambie St. Tix: $27.50. Info: *bardonthebeach.org*.

8 p.m. Folk Rocker Bocephus King performs live. At Oasis Ultra Lounge, 1240 Thurlow St. Tix: $5. Info: *oasisvancouver.com*.

9 p.m. DJ Fin-s spins hip hop, mashup, house and party mix. At Crush Champagne Lounge, 1180 Granville St. Tix: $15. Info: *crushlounge.ca*.

awards

MTV video show returning to L.A.

CEREMONY The MTV Video Music Awards, scene of a disastrous performance by Britney Spears last year, will return to Los Angeles for the first time in a decade on Sept. 7, the lifestyle cable network said on Monday.

The high-wattage event, now in its 25th year, will take place on the Paramount Pictures lot in Hollywood, and will air on the channel that evening. Los Angeles last hosted the event in 1998. Since then, the awards have been held mostly in New York. REUTERS

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Seagal no-show for kids

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Kids at B.C. Children's Hospital anticipated meeting actor **Steven Seagal** last week, but the only action the meaty martial arts man delivered was the shattering of their hopes when he failed to arrive. Seagal had partnered with **Princess Asie Ocansey** of Ghana for a support initiative called Save Our Babies: Kick Out HIV/AIDS and the two were meant to distribute bracelets handmade by children from Ocansey's orphanage together. While the princess was on hand, Seagal phoned in from the Surrey location of his **Russian** movie set. Said Seagal in a statement released before his no-show: "We hope our visit will help the children at the hospital take their minds off their pain for a moment to connect them to our children's love in Africa through these bracelets."

A couple weeks ago I wrote about an upcoming shoot for the pilot of the **Battlestar Galactica** prequel **Caprica** that involved "a seedy nightclub, transgender folks, strange punks, full nudity and simulated sex." An on-set source said that tensions were high on the elaborate two-day shoot, with director **Jeff Reiner** "flipping out" and repeatedly yelling for crew to "shut the f–k up." "It was very hostile," said the source. There were about 550 people at the Orpheum location.

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Kids at B.C. Children's Hospital anticipated meeting actor Steven Seagal last week but he failed to arrive.

And on a sad note, **Bill Vince**, the only Vancouver producer to have made an Oscar-winning movie, died of cancer Saturday. Vince produced 2005's critically-acclaimed **Capote**, which was shot mostly in Manitoba and garnered **Philip Seymour Hoffman** a golden statue for best actor. He also produced the yet-to-be-released **The Imaginarium of Dr. Parnassus**, which brought the likes of **Johnny Depp, Colin Farrell, Jude Law** and **Tom Waits** to Vancouver from February to April of this year. Vince died at his West Vancouver home and is survived by his wife and three children. He was 44 years old.

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255	358	6	CH	E! News	The Insider	In Her Mother's Footsteps (2006) Emma Caulfield. (CC)				Celebrity Circus (N) (CC)		News (N)
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252	336	11	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	The Office	Name Is Earl	NCIS "Sharif Returns" (CC)		ReGenesis "Dim & Dimmer"		News (N)
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253	359	13	CITY	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Make Me a Supermodel		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Entourage	Entourage	Reviews
-	-	14	CW	'70s Show	'70s Show	America's Next Top Model		Farmer Wants a Wife (CC)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Price Is Right Spectacular		Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: NY "The Deep" (CC)		News (N)
287	379	16	NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Deal or No Deal (CC)		The Baby Borrowers (CC)		Celebrity Circus (N) (CC)		News (N)
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291	383	27	PBS	Steves Europe	Field Guide	Great Lodges-Parks		Nova scienceNOW		Carrier "All Hands" (CC)		Alzheimer's
290	382	28	FOX	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	So You Think You Can Dance The top 16 contestants. (N)				News (N) (CC)		Family Guy
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502	390	23	NW	Rogue Waves (CC)		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		Rogue Waves (CC)		National
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critics'corner

Nova scienceNOW
"Nova" always reports interesting stories about science, but the "scienceNOW" edition serves up a smorgasbord of fascinating stories. In this new episode, host Neil deGrasse Tyson reports on the search for a substance called "dark matter," experiments on mice that could lead to good news for Alzheimer's patients, a computer expert who can detect photo tampering and more. 6 PM on PBS

Wife Swap
From pork bellies to belly dancing — and vice versa. In the season finale, Brandi — who runs a pig farm in the Nevada mountains, home-schools her four children and has no use for the glamorous things in life — swaps homes with Jehan, a professional belly dancer and mother of one in New York who's into goddess worship. It's the usual culture clash, but Brandi's eldest daughter, an aspiring singer-songwriter, relishes the opportunity to record a song. 8 PM on ABC

Celebrity Buzz

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Paris dismisses puppy demand

Pet: Paris Hilton swears she's no doggy diva, People.com reports. In fact, the hotel heiress – who just wrapped her reality show, I Wanna Be Paris's New Best Friend! – took to her blog Monday to refute one tall tale currently circulating.

"I read (that I was) walking by some puppies for sale, and demanding that I be given a Yorkie puppy to be an accessory for a photo shoot," she wrote on her MySpace celebrity blog. (According to the press reports, a Melrose Avenue pet store refused to let her have the animal — making Hilton go "ballistic.")

"I wasn't looking for a new pet. I wasn't even at a photo shoot that day," Hilton insists. "Puppies are not accessories or toys and I love my own pets dearly. I treat them as if they were my children."

Hilton's new reality show includes scenes of a pet adoption shelter, she says, "to spread the word about how these animals need loving owners."

"It is sad that someone felt the need to invent a story about me throwing a fit for a dog that would 'go with my outfit,' " says the former Simple Life star (who's getting serious with boyfriend Benji Madden). "These stories have gotten out of control."

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McAvoy refuses to sell products

MOVIES Actor James McAvoy refuses to advertise products because he wants fans to concentrate on his movies — and not be sidetracked by promotions, imdb.com reports.

The Atonement star is suspicious of thespians who associate themselves with a certain brand, insisting that actors are not salesmen and he won't compromise his career to make extra money."

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Celebrity brief

HEALTH Turns out Amy Winehouse's dad may be the one blowing a little smoke these days, E! News Online reports. The singer's rep is saying the 24-year-old does not have emphysema, as her father told Britain's Sunday Mirror over the weekend.

Rather, she has "early signs of what could lead to emphysema," rep Tracey Miller said Monday.

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Idol champ gets marriage licence

PEOPLE: Second-season American Idol champ Ruben Studdard obtained a marriage licence Monday in Alabama, People.com reports.

Studdard, 29, arrived at the Shelby County Probate Office in Birmingham with fiancée Surata Zuri McCants, 30, just before noon, filled out the paperwork and walked away with their licence, a witness says. Studdard is a Birmingham native.

"They looked really happy," says the eyewitness. There was no immediate word on when they planned to marry.

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people

MOVIES Actress Keira Knightley was happy to film a sex scene for new movie The Edge Of Love — even though the naked romp was written by her mother, imdb.com reports. Knightley's mom, Sharman Macdonald, also served as a producer on the film.

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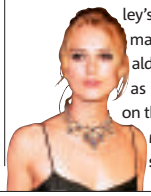

Broderick worries son will smoke

ADDICTION Actor Matthew Broderick admits he and wife Sarah Jessica Parker share a hankering for cigarettes — and they may have inadvertently passed on their Achilles' heel to five-year-old son James Wilkie, MSN Entertainment reports.

"I used to smoke cigarettes, and I still do, lately," he fesses up to New York magazine. "I gave that up a long time ago, but every now and then I will fall off for a week."

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MARRIAGE Mariah Carey's marriage won't last more than six months, according to friends, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 38-year-old singer, who wed rapper Nick Cannon in April, is so demanding her new husband won't be able to cope with her diva-like behaviour.

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Michelle mad over Heath's will

DISPUTE Heath Ledger's father, Kim, mother, Emma, and other family members are flying to the United States from Australia for the Dark Knight premiere on July 14 for what some are calling a "sort of tribute" to him — but don't expect to see his ex, Michelle Williams, or daughter, Matilda, PageSix.com reports.

An insider said, "Michelle is furious with Heath's family and threatening to boycott the premiere. Matilda is supposed to be the beneficiary of the will, but Michelle has seen nothing from them."

Ledger's will, made out in 2003 before Matilda was born, left everything to his father, mother and sisters.

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acting

RISKY ROLE Actress Billie Piper fears her recent role as a high-class prostitute will damage her career prospects in Hollywood — because A-list stars never commit to on-screen nudity, imdb.com reports.

The former Dr. Who star plays the lead role in recent TV drama The Secret Diary Of A Call Girl.

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Madonna, Guy to split after tour?

BREAK-UP Madonna will split from her husband Guy Ritchie at the end of her forthcoming world tour, it has been claimed.

The singer and the film director have reportedly decided to end their seven-year marriage but will not make an announcement until her Sticky and Sweet tour finishes in Mexico on Nov. 29, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

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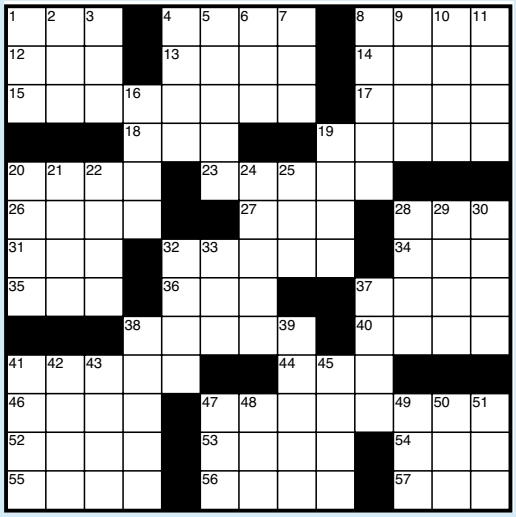

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20 Toolbox item
21 Fix typos
22 Swit co-star
24 Trojan War story
25 Old curse word
28 Coffee, in slang
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26 Groundless
27 Mae West role
28 Legal right
31 Casserole cover
32 Sales pitch
34 Poisonous snake
35 Sweater letter
36 Hawaii's Mauna —
37 Say decidedly
38 Cowpoke's greeting
40 Not any
41 Full range
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53 Cato's year
54 Playing card
55 Does lacework
56 Attention getter
57 That woman

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ARIES | March 21-April 20
Speedy thoughts will give you a chance to catch up. Tell people if you're uncertain about something. Juggle around with a work situation.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
Somebody will comment on a family decision. Check out holistic medicine. Important messages will make you change your plans.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Friends will squirm over money issues. Your idealism will bring joy. Find a private place to work, away from prying eyes.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
A powerful person may not have your best interests at heart. You may have to work overtime. Terminate unprofitable associations.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
Show by your kindness that you've earned respect. Someone's sincerity will be unpleasant. An oddball's ploy raises eyebrows.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
A new object will be disappointing. Get away from your usual environment. A sweetheart will surrender to your touch.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
A friend's scheme will boost your bliss. Stand back when trouble walks in the door. Taking charge will cause a predicament.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Save time by understanding complications. Think hard before implementing a harsh plan. Run as wild and free as you can.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
You want to be taken care of for a change. Ask for assistance in an unstable situation. Find your way with somebody's help.

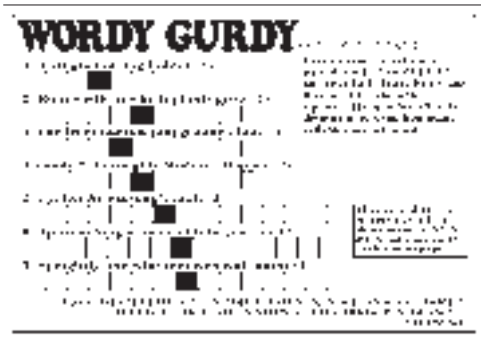
CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Brace yourself for a financial discussion. Your friends may want to gossip. Be more sophisticated if you want to appeal to the public.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
There'll be a sudden insight into a lost hope. Any problems that you are facing will be overcome. Tears of joy will fall.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Avoid using logic in a debate. An unfamiliar woman makes a serious effort to work wonders.

AVATAR VENUS

WORDY GURDY



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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

previous answer

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This Day IN HISTORY

June 25, 1938: Dr. Douglas Hyde is inaugurated the first President of Ireland.

June 25, 1940: France formally surrenders to Nazi Germany.

June 25, 1947: The Diary of Anne Frank is published.

June 25, 1993: Kim Campbell is chosen as leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada and becomes the first female Prime Minister of Canada.

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Vancouver weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunny. 18°	Variable. Low 12°	Mainly sunny. 18°/12°	Sunny. 21°/14°	Sunny. 22°/14°

Temperature
Normals
High: 20.2°
Low: 11.5°

Records
High: 28.8°/1992
Low: 7.8°/1964

Sunrise: 5:08 a.m.
Sunset: 9:21 p.m.
Moonrise: 12:23 a.m.
Moonset: 12:40 p.m.

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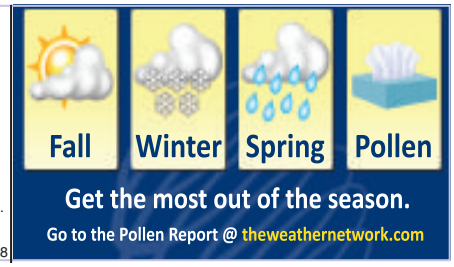

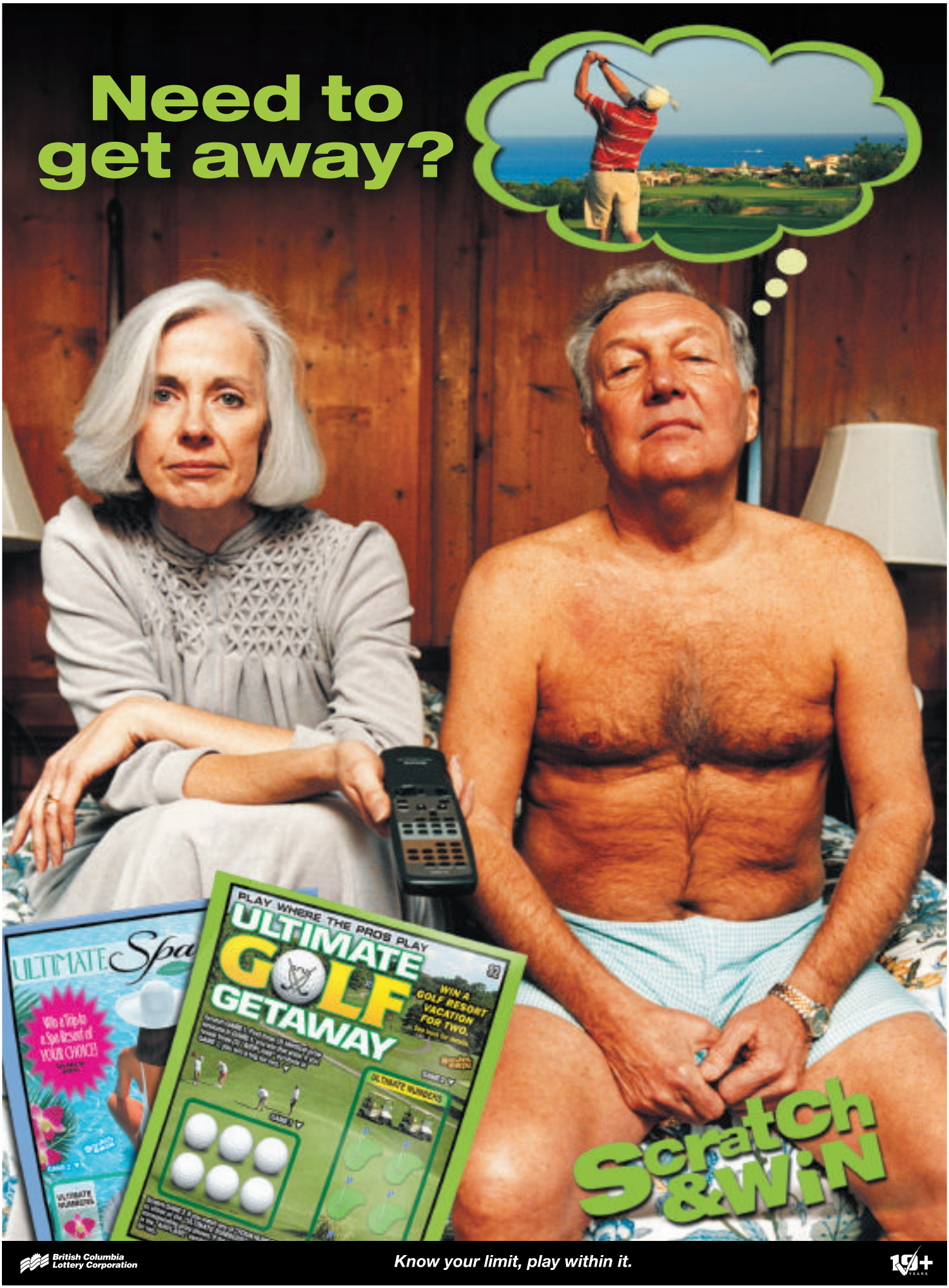
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